



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5070**

February Session, 2014



**AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND  
AMBULANCE COMPANIES AND THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER  
UNDER THE STATE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 31-367 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2014*):

4 (d) "Employer" means the state and any political subdivision  
5 thereof, and, except as provided in section 31-369, as amended by this  
6 act, any volunteer fire department and any volunteer ambulance  
7 company;

8 Sec. 2. Section 31-369 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
9 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

10 (a) This chapter applies to all employers, employees and places of  
11 employment in the state except the following: (1) Employees of the  
12 United States government; [and] (2) working conditions of employees  
13 over which federal agencies other than the United States Department  
14 of Labor exercise statutory authority to prescribe or enforce standards  
15 or regulations affecting occupational safety and health; and (3) any  
16 volunteer fire department or volunteer ambulance company that can  
17 demonstrate such department or company is regulated by the

18 Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (15 USC 651 et seq.).

19 (b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to supersede or in any  
20 manner affect any workers' compensation law or to enlarge, diminish  
21 or affect in any manner common law or statutory rights, duties or  
22 liabilities of employers or employees, under any law with respect to  
23 injuries, diseases or death of employees arising out of and in the course  
24 of employment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	31-367(d)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2014	31-369

***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

Section 3 of the bill was struck as unnecessary and not substantive.

***LAB***      *Joint Favorable Subst.*